

# Obituary of William Ashford Nabours

Saturday, August 19, 1922, Mr. W. A. Nabours died in Temple, Texas, after an illness of two weeks.

From the home of his son, Mr. Jerry Nabours of Cameron, funeral service was conducted by Rev. Ira F. Key, pastor of the Cameron Methodist church were held at Salem church, of which the Nabours family for many years had been faithful members, followed by burial in Salem cemetery.

Cameron Lodge No. 56, I. O. O. F. had charge of impressive ritualistic services at the grave. W. A. Nabours was born January 30, 1839 in Mississippi. He came to Texas at the age of ten years with the family of his father, Rev. Jeremiah Nabours a Methodist preacher.

In 1873 Mr. Nabours was married near Cameron to Miss Eliza Zellner. Four children were born to them all of whom with their mother survive. They are Mr. Jerry Nabours of Cameron, Mrs. E. L. Woodward of Santa Anna, Texas, Mrs. C. A. Edwards of Three Rivers, New Mexico, and Mrs. Dave Robinson of Temple, Texas. Besides these, seven grand children and two great grandchildren are left to mourn the loss of the grandfather.

All his children were in family reunion at the home of Mrs. C. A. Edwards in Three Rivers, New Mexico when Mr. Nabours was taken sick. After a few days of illness there he was brought to Temple where he died Saturday at 6 p. m.

His passing is sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. His long life of faithful citizenship and devotion to duty has been an inspiration to many and the influence he exerted will continue to live.

In his suit of Confederate Gray he was a familiar figure at the annual reunions of Hood's Texas Brigade of which he was a most devoted member. His wife always attended reunions with him and their absence will be keenly felt by the thinning ranks of that noble and historic band of brave men who left Texas at the first call for troops in 1861 and by their courage and valor made the history of the Southland so brilliant.

Mr. Nabours was not only a maker but a preserver of those priceless recollections, having contributed to several Southern Histories from the treasure home of his memory.

In the Confederate Veteran of Feb. 1916 was published an article written by him, "Active Service of a Texas Command," in which is recounted the organization and service of Co. B, 5th Texas Regiment, Hood's Brigade, of which Mr. Nabours was a Second Sergeant. He served bravely through the four years of war and was one of the ten members of the Confederate Company that left Cameron in 1861, to surrender with Lee at Appomattox. His surviving Confederate comrades in Milam, L. W. Miller and Elbert E. Pool.

Mr. Nabours enjoyed the utmost confidence of the people of Milam county as was proven by his long years of public service. He was for twelve years County Treasurer retiring at his own volition in 1910. Later he lived in West Texas to be near his daughters. His last home was in Santa Anna, Texas, with his grandson Lee Woodward, who keeps alive in his name the undying devotion of the Southern soldier for his famous chieftain.

Mrs. Jeff T. Kemp

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